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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 3561

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK

1. DURING DECEMBER 14 SESSION OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, TO WHICH ALL
LOCAL CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE INVITED(PRAGUE 3544
AND PRAGUE 3545), I HAD A BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
CHNOUPEK, WHO WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO REGISTER HIS VIEWS THAT
OUR MARATHON DECEMBER 8 DISCUSSION HAD BEEN "VERY SUCCESSFUL."
SINCE I REGARDED THE LATTER MEETING AS SIMPLY A FRANK EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON RECENT RELATIVELY MINOR STEPS FORWARD ACROSS A
BACKDROP OF CONTINUING MAJOR PROBLEMS IN OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS, I AM NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHY CHNOUPEK HAS CHOSEN TO BE
QUITE SO UPBEAT ABOUT OUR TALK--ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE
EXTRADORDINARY DELAY IN SCHEDULING IT. I THINK HE MAINLY WANTS
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TO GET ACROSS: (A) THAT HE TAKES A KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN
EFFORTS TO RESOLVE US-GOC BILATERAL PROBLEMS--THE CLAIMS/GOLD
IMBROGLIO, IN PARTICULAR; AND (B) THAT HE HAS THE POLITICAL
INFLUENCE TO DELIVER RESULTS--AS HE DID IN HELPING TO
"NORMALIZE" GOC RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS WITH THE FRG AND
AUSTRIA.

2. INTERESTINGLY, MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY
ALSO MADE A POINT OF OSTENTATIIOUSLY GREETING ME AT THE FEDERAL
ASSEMBLY SESSION AND ECHOING CHNOUPEK'S UPBEAT LINE.
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